Rec'd May 11
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Professor Engelmann
St. Louis

Dear Sir.

Desirous of continuing my botanical studies and if possible, of devoting myself entirely to the study of Botany I left Norway for America and settled as a physician among the Norwegians in Iowa, hoping thereby to be enabled to employ part of my life in botanical pursuits, for which I have had the strongest inclination since my boyhood.

Not satisfied with my position here as a doctor I wrote to Prof. Asa Gray begging his advice respecting the means to obtain a place as theoretical and practical Botanist. In his

kind answer he advices me
to write to you, dear Sir, and
tell you my wishes.

I am candidatus medicinæ
from Norway have had twice a
stipendium from the Royal Uni
verselty at Kristiania to make
botanical excursions in different
parts of Norway - have been 4-5
years in Germany, Italy, Spain,
France, and England to study
natural history together with
the respective languages. Bota-
ny Zoology and Chemistry have been
my favourite branches. I
would be glad to accept any
place on condition that I might
have occasion enough to make
progress in natural history in
general. I would take every
kind of work in a botanical

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garden hoping that when I became known to authorities, I might obtain a better situation in future. Fours or five hundred dollars a year would cover my expenses, and I desire nothing more than to be useful to Science.

I am, Dear Sir, with great respect

your obendent
servant

D. A. Collet

Rev. Doctor Collet
Decorah
Iowa

Decorah, May. 5th 1867

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